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H. R. 1716

To amend the Act of January 26, 1915, establishing Rocky Mountain National Park, to provide for the protection of certain lands in Rocky Mountain National Park and along North St. Vrain Creek and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 1993

Mr. Skaggs introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 TITLE I—ROCKY MOUNTAIN

4 NATIONAL PARK AMENDMENTS

- 5 SEC. 101. NORTH ST. VRAIN CREEK AND ADJACENT LANDS.
- 6 The Act of January 26, 1915, establishing Rocky
- 7 Mountain National Park (38 Stat. 798; 16 U.S.C. 191

- 1 and following), is amended by adding the following new
- 2 section at the end thereof:
- 3 "SEC. 5. NORTH ST. VRAIN CREEK AND ADJACENT LANDS.
- 4 "(a) Donation or Exchange of Certain
- 5 Lands.—Promptly following enactment of this section,
- 6 the Secretary of the Interior shall seek to acquire by dona-
- 7 tion or exchange those lands within the boundaries of
- 8 Rocky Mountain National Park owned by the City of
- 9 Longmont, Colorado, that are referred to in section 111(d)
- 10 of the Act commonly referred to as the 'Colorado Wilder-
- 11 ness Act of 1980' (Public Law 96-560; 94 Stat. 3272;
- 12 16 U.S.C. 192b–9(d)).
- 13 "(b) Protection of Certain Segments.—Neither
- 14 the Secretary of the Interior nor any other Federal agency
- 15 or officer may approve or issue any permit for, or provide
- 16 any assistance for, the construction of any new dam, res-
- 17 ervoir, or impoundment on any segment of North St.
- 18 Vrain Creek or its tributaries within the boundaries of
- 19 Rocky Mountain National Park or on the main stem of
- 20 North St. Vrain Creek downstream to the point at which
- 21 the creek crosses the elevation 6,550 feet above mean sea
- 22 level. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to pre-
- 23 vent the issuance of any permit for the construction of
- 24 a new water gaging station on North St. Vrain Creek at
- 25 the point of its confluence with Coulson Gulch.".

1 TITLE II—LAND EXCHANGE

- 2 The Secretary of Agriculture shall immediately and
- 3 actively pursue negotiations with the city of Longmont,
- 4 Colorado, concerning the city's proposed exchange of lands
- 5 owned by the city and located in and near Coulson Gulch
- 6 for other lands owned by the United States. The Secretary
- 7 shall report to Congress 2 calendar years after the date
- 8 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter on
- 9 the progress of such negotiations until negotiations are
- 10 complete.

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